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ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT, THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1894.

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NEW ADS. THIS WEEK.

Hood Lost.
Sugar Tools.
Boy Wanted.
Girl Wanted.
New Directory.
Dixey in Adonis.
Tenement to Rent.
Residence for Sale.
Sugar Orchard to Rent.
Raymond's Excursions.
Bicycles—Geo. E. Grow.
New Bakery—M. E. Clifford.
First National Bank Statement.
Caledonia National Bank Statement.
Carpets and Wall Paper—Fairbanks & Co.

Weather Record.

At Bingham's Drug Store, for the week ending March 6, 1894.

	Highest.	Lowest.
Wednesday.....	35	18
Thursday.....	40	20
Friday.....	45	25
Saturday.....	39	18
Sunday.....	41	8
Monday.....	42	14
Tuesday.....	56	25

NEWS ABOUT HOME.

—Dixey will prove a drawing card. In Adonis he is well worth seeing.

—The Fairbanks Museum will be closed Friday, March 9th, for the day.

—There will be an evening preaching service at Grace church on Sunday next.

—Miss Ida Peck's piano pupils gave an enjoyable recital at the Y. M. C. A. hall last Friday evening.

—A meeting will be held at the Railroad street Baptist church this (Thursday) evening.

—The annual meeting of the Poultry Association will be held at the Board of Trade rooms this (Thursday) evening at 7.30.

—Rev. Hervey H. Hoyt of Methuen, Mass., began his pastorate with the Church of the Messiah on Sunday last.

—The Fireman's Relief Association hold a meeting next Monday evening to elect officers and transact some other business.

—There was a generous distribution of confections and groceries on Main street on Monday afternoon, when a local dealer's team ran away and literally "strewed things."

—The democratic town committee announces that a caucus will be held to fix upon a candidate for postmaster, but the date has not yet been definitely decided on.

—At the meeting of the Woman's Club, Monday afternoon, March 12, a paper will be presented on "Rena in literature, ancient and modern." This meeting is in the hands of the lecture committee.

—Olive Branch Lodge, D. of R., will give a public masquerade and supper, in I. O. O. F. Hall on Tuesday evening, March 13. Admission twenty cents for maskers and adults; children unmasked ten cents.

—The Granite City Leader of Barre says that I. C. Harroun, who went to that place from St. Johnsbury some time ago, has just been taken to the Waterbury asylum, suffering from a mild form of insanity.

—Major N. P. Bowman has been appointed sugar weigher for this section again this season, and expects to be busy ere long figuring as to quality of that sort of product in Caledonia county.

—The museum has received from the U. S. government two thermometers for recording the maximum and minimum temperature, and the young ladies in charge there are now keeping a sharp eye on the weather.

—It is somewhat remarkable that, with so extensive a list of depositors, the Passumpsic Savings Bank reports but six individuals whose addresses are unknown by the bank officials. Their names appear in a notice in our advertising columns.

—The 1893-94 catalogue of the University of Vermont, at Burlington, has been received. It is a 119-page affair neatly gotten up, and sets forth in detail the courses of study and the general attractions of the university in all its departments.

—The attendance at the water meeting on Monday afternoon proves that the St. Johnsbury voters can report for duty when occasion requires. The matter was an important one, and a larger crowd is seldom seen at the town hall than that of Monday afternoon.

—The spring thaw has been getting in its work so extensively during the past few days that the sleigh-

ing is very poor—in fact there can scarcely be said to be any worth speaking of. Sidewalks are in a bad condition, and walking is a disagreeable exercise.

—In the special school report the value of the house and lot in district No. 5, at the Center, was given at \$300. One cipher is missing from the amount. It should be \$3000.

—C. B. Lachance has been awarded the contract to build the barn at the National Fish Hatchery station, and will begin on the same as soon as the weather permits.

—The North church pulpit was acceptably occupied last Sunday by Rev. Howard A. Bridgman of Boston, managing editor of the Congregationalist. Rev. Dr. E. B. Webb, also of Boston and for so many years one of that city's leading pastors, will preach next Sunday.

—March came in as peacefully as the proverbial lamb, and spring expectations were aroused by so mild an opening of the month. But the weather-wise shake their heads ominously and predict the fulfillment of the old adage concerning a lion-like ending when the beginning is lamb-like.

—The New England Subscription Agency, of which D. J. Perrigard is manager, has issued a new directory of the village which is brought up to date and will prove very useful. The book is in the same convenient form of previous directories and is on sale at Clark's bookstore and Lapier's ticket office.

—The Boston & Maine road gave excursion rates to Boston this week on account of the grand opera now being given in that city. The tickets were good going yesterday and returning tomorrow, and quite a number of persons from this section availed themselves of this chance to visit the Hub. The rate from St. Johnsbury was \$5.70.

—The Electric Company have let the contract for the putting in of another large water wheel at the light station, and the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The new wheel will be a "Victor," and will more than double the power at the station. As this is directly in line with what the public need, the public will appreciate the improvement.

—Prof. S. H. Brackett gave a very interesting talk before the Natural History Society on Tuesday evening, on the relations of astronomy to the other sciences, illustrating his remarks by some attractive drawings on the blackboard. He spoke at some length with special reference to the important discoveries of Prof. Young of Princeton in connection with the spectroscopic.

—Green Mountain Commandery, Order of the Golden Cross, occupied its new hall in the Pythian building on Tuesday evening, and indulged in a very pleasant social and banquet. Something over a hundred couples participated, and during the evening Miss Janie Blanchard, Miss Harris, Mr. Shulelt and an orchestra contributed to the pleasure of the company in readings and music.

—A Deming (N. M.) dispatch of March 6 says: "C. H. Dane, president of the defunct First National Bank of Silver City and Deming, convicted of looting those institutions, was yesterday sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary. The trial has been on for two weeks in the United States court at Los Cruces, and has been most sensational in its developments. It was shown that Dane secured over \$180,000, which he lost in wildcat land and cattle speculation. The banks were closed Feb. 3, 1892."

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A SIX O'CLOCK DINNER.

The women of our town have been to great pains to prepare themselves to serve an excellent dinner to the townspeople at six o'clock at Pythian Building on Friday, March 9th. The proceeds of this dinner are to go to the "Sunset Home," but the dinner is for everyone. There will be music during the evening and everything will be done by the women to make the occasion pleasant to their guests. Dinner tickets may be had at the door for fifty cents.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. N. P. Bowman has been quite ill for several weeks.

John Rickaby was home from Hartford on a visit last week.

Charles D. Hazen is at home from Johns Hopkins University for a ten days visit.

Our town clerk, E. D. Blodgett, has been confined to the house for several days by illness.

Z. A. Richardson has so far recovered from a long and tedious illness as to be out on the street.

Rev. Mark Atwood is visiting his daughter, Mrs. L. S. Patterson at Union Village, Orange county.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dwinell and son have gone to Somerville, Mass., where they will remain for the present.

Mrs. H. P. McIntosh has returned to her home in Boston after a three weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Josiah Gage.

W. H. H. Harris is confined to the house as the result of a severe strain of the back while at work at the scale shops.

Messrs. Steele and Bates of the firm of E. D. Steele & Co. were both in town this week on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Plummer, Miss Amy Keniston and Frank L. Kendall were here from Laconia, N. H., over Sunday on a visit to Mrs. L. L. Kendall of Pearl street.

S. D. and W. B. Atwood, T. N. Shufeldt and J. B. Tousant contributed to the programme at an Epworth League concert in Sheffield on the 2d inst., and Mrs. G. F. Leavitt appeared twice in readings.

Mrs. H. S. Goodwin and daughter, Miss Mabel, are making preparations to remove to Chicago for a permanent residence. Mrs. Goodwin will leave early in May, and her daughter will follow as soon as she finishes her year's work in the schools here.

On Easter Sunday two memorial windows will be unveiled at the Church of the Holy Communion, in Paterson, N. J., one of them in memory of the late Mrs. Sarah Hewes, who died in St. Johnsbury a short time ago, and the other in memory of her husband, who died during a pastorate at Dover, N. H.

ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER.

The Universalist sewing circle will give a sugar party in the G. M. Grange Hall on Friday evening, March 9. After sugar is served there will be good music for a promenade. Admission 15 cents.

The "Old Folks Concert" and antiquarian supper, which was postponed last week, will be held next Wednesday evening, March 14.

E. O. Finel and wife are both sick with grip.

The lecture given Monday evening at the Congregational church by Col. Franklin Fairbanks, was very entertaining and instructive and much enjoyed by all.

Miss Helen Graves has been sick for several weeks, but is convalescing, as is also S. O. Todd, who has been seriously ill since his return from Massachusetts.

A little son of T. B. Willey, about five years old, fell about nine feet from the window of a shed last week, striking on his head on some ice. He was unconscious for about three hours, and received a bad scalp wound, but he seems to be all right now, and no serious results are anticipated.

H. E. Brockway and wife returned from Massachusetts on Tuesday. R. E. Lewis, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will occupy the desk at the Congregational church next Sunday, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. P. B. Fisk.

SEE DIXEY.

Everybody who likes a good thing will want to see Dixey in Adonis, at Howe's Opera House March 16. His impersonations are unrivaled, and his coming, with so large a company, will be the event of the season. Tickets 50c, 75c and \$1.00. On sale at Bagley's and at Bingham's on March 12. See the advertisement elsewhere.

Department Commander, General C. F. Branch of the Vermont department, G. A. R., has appointed the following named gentlemen on his staff: Kendrick Richmond, adjutant general; Thomas C. Gale, Baxter post of Newport, assistant adjutant general; F. H. Batterfield, E. H. Stoughton post of Derby Line, assistant inspector general; E. A. Nye, Mason post of Glover, chief mustering officer; Josiah Grout, Baxter post of Newport, judge advocate.

SPECIAL VILLAGE MEETING.

The Water Question Referred to a Committee who will Report in Two Weeks.

The special village meeting in the Town Hall Monday afternoon was one of the largest ever held. Certainly it was one of the most important, for all admit that we are in a perilous condition today and both water systems are insufficient to meet the wants of the village.

The call was read by the clerk, after which President N. M. Johnson thanked the voters for choosing him for such a high office and the business of the meeting was then taken up.

C. H. Stevens, chairman of the board of trustees, called upon W. P. Stafford to read the proposed contract between the village and the Aqueduct Company and with which our readers are more or less familiar.

After the contract was read Harry Blodgett offered the following resolution to bring the matter before the meeting for discussion:

The village of St. Johnsbury, in village meeting assembled for that purpose, having heard the foregoing proposed contract with the St. Johnsbury Aqueduct Company read, do hereby accept of the provisions of the same and become a party thereto, and do hereby authorize and empower its board of trustees, or a majority of its said board, to make, execute, complete and deliver said contract on the part of the village, and to sign said contract with the corporate name of the village for and in behalf of said village.

After the contract was read Mr. Stevens was interrogated by the citizens. Asked if the trustees had tried to buy Stiles pond, he replied that the village had never authorized them to take such a step. He said the new system contemplated larger and better hydrants all over the village.

Mr. Gowling of New York, the engineer of the Aqueduct Company, then spoke very clearly upon water pressure. He said the proposed system would give a static head of 145 feet opposite the CALEDONIAN office, which meant that water would rise to that height in a pipe of any size. From one hose a stream would be thrown at least 100 feet high at this point and six or eight fire streams would give better service than this village has ever had before, though the streams would not be quite so high as if there was only one stream. Eight streams could be used for 14 consecutive hours before exhausting the supply at Stiles pond, and in his opinion a fire could be controlled in that time, or else it would be such a serious conflagration that water could never control it.

John McDonald made one of his characteristic speeches in which he hoped there would be no guesswork here today. He said the citizens had been mesmerized 16 years ago and they wanted to be set right now.

Dr. Bullard asked if a gravity system was the best, as the engineer had just stated, why all the big cities used fire engines and pumped water into hose?

Mr. Gowling replied that every city preferred a gravity system, but in many cases could not get head enough from the water to give sufficient pressure for fire purposes. This was notably true of New York, where the water from the Croton reservoir did not have head enough to reach the fourth story of any down town business block.

H. N. Turner said that everybody admitted that the village of St. Johnsbury was in peril today and that something must be done at once. He had been informed that there was no fire protection last Friday from the village system, and he then informed his hearers that the filters of the Aqueduct Company broke down at Stiles pond the day following and were still in a broken condition. The Aqueduct Company's system was defective and its supply was brought to the village in a "stove-pipe main." He asked the people of Summerville if they were satisfied with the fire protection they had from four hydrants connected with a "stove-pipe main." Referring to the Goss Hollow and Joe's pond projects he said the scale company would be unable to use water in their boilers from either of these sources because of the hardness of the water.

Mr. Turner then took up the financial side of the question and said that since the village water system was started in 1877 it had cost the village \$8000 a year. As E. & T. Fairbanks & Co. paid one-fifth of the taxes, this corporation had contributed \$1600 a year for 16 years that St. Johnsbury might have a water system with rates so low that it ran behind every single year.

Mr. Turner then took up the question of water rates. He read a table of rates in about twenty towns and cities in New England. Taking the rate of the first faucet, the water closet rate and the family rate of the schedule of the proposed contract, Mr. Turner compared it with the rates in the other 20 towns and

cities of New England. In each of the three cases the rate proposed in St. Johnsbury was below the average of the rates in the schedule presented. Being asked how the water plants paid in these different cities and towns, Mr. Turner replied that he did not know.

Mr. Turner then took up the Joe's pond project. Allowing \$150,000 for the cost of the plant to St. Johnsbury, \$38,000 to lay the pipes in the village and \$12,000 for land damages, the total cost of this system would be \$200,000. He allowed \$12,000 for interest on the plant, \$3000 to operate it and then supposed the village would retire \$5000 of its bonds each year. This would make an annual expense of \$20,000 and the only receipts would be in water rents unless the village proposed to have its taxpayers make up the deficit every year as they had done in the past. As far as E. & T. Fairbanks & Co. were concerned they were not willing to pay one-fifth of this probable deficit for water which was so hard that they could not use it in their factory. He did not believe any citizen thought the village could make money on a \$200,000 plant at Joe's pond. If the village did not retire \$5000 in bonds every year, but charged up instead \$2750 each year for depreciation of the plant, its annual expense would be \$17,750 a year, which he firmly believed could never be met by water rentals alone.

Mr. Turner said the corporation which he represented did not come to the village as beggars, nor did they want to force their system upon the village. The matter was first proposed by the trustees and not by the Fairbanks Company, and the latter did not favor it at first, but were now willing to make a contract with the village. They had not bought up the trustees nor anybody else, and they had no axe to grind or any scheme to foist upon the village. If the majority of the citizens did not endorse this plan he, as a citizen, would cheerfully abide by their decision.

Marshall Montgomery then introduced the following amendment to Mr. Blodgett's resolution:

Moved to amend the pending resolution by appointing a committee of seven, selected by the president and the clerk, who should look up the matter, inspect the properties, consider any other propositions and report at an adjourned meeting two weeks from today.

John McDonald then waxed eloquent on the beauties and reputation of this model village and hoped Col. Franklin Fairbanks would be made chairman of this committee.

Alexander Dunnett said he did not want to have the water works controlled by any corporation. He believed in municipal ownership of the plant. He believed it was a complete give away on the part of the village if they accepted the proposed contract. He wanted to have a committee of three and proposed Henry C. Bates, O. P. Bennett and T. C. Fletcher.

Dr. Bullard said he did not fail to appreciate the philanthropy and munificence of the Fairbanks corporation and its individual members, and he was not opposed to this contract because it was the Fairbanks Company the village was dealing with. But he firmly believed that a water system owned by a private corporation was an absolute failure. He did not believe it was right for the village to sell its birthright to any corporation. He moved to dismiss the whole matter.

The remarks of Dr. Bullard were loudly applauded by some in the hall, and for a moment it looked as if the vast audience who had listened patiently to nearly two hours of speechmaking would dismiss the whole question and thus come no nearer solving the problem than ever.

It was at this critical juncture that Mr. Stafford jumped upon a table and by his eloquent speech turned the tide and vigorously supported Mr. Montgomery's amendment. He said he spoke in his own individual capacity and not as anybody's attorney and he suggested that the village try and buy out the Aqueduct Company if the village did not want to sell to them.

Col. Fairbanks was called out to tell the citizens if the Aqueduct Company would sell out. He said several different boards of trustees had discussed the water problem with the corporation of which he was president and as a result of all these interviews this contract had been drawn up. Col. Fairbanks said the corporation would entertain any proposition the special committee might make, but he was unable to say whether the corporation would sell to the village or not. He heartily favored a committee and would like to confer with them.

Dr. Bullard was induced to withdraw his motion to dismiss the article and Mr. Montgomery's amendment was carried with hardly a dissenting vote.

The president and clerk named the following committee: William E. Peck, Harvin Paddock, Edward F. Griswold, T. C. Fletcher, Fred H. Potts, B. G. Howe, John T. Ritchie. The meeting then adjourned to Mon-

day, March 19, at 2 p. m. when this committee will make their report.

The special meeting was one step nearer to the solution of the most serious problem that now confronts the village, and much will be accomplished in the next two weeks. The water question has been the foot ball in the village meetings for the last sixteen years and heated discussions have arisen in the past whenever the subject was introduced into a meeting. At the meeting Monday afternoon there was a wide diversity of opinion, but there was no wrangling or hard feeling and the utmost candor prevailed. John McDonald's description of our village is pretty nearly correct when 500 citizens can talk for two hours over the water question and adjourn in the best of humor and good fellowship. Our citizens are to be congratulated upon the way they are solving this problem.

TOWN MEETING.

The Day's Business Quickly, Quietly and Sensibly Done.

The action of the largely-attended town caucus naturally detracted from the enthusiasm at the regular March meeting on Tuesday; but the voters passed to and from the town hall in considerable numbers between 9 a. m. and noon, depositing their ballots, and at the time the items of business were taken up at 1.30 the hall was well filled, though there was nothing on the programme which promised to be exciting.

Moderator Blodgett announced the business on hand, and in half an hour all was over.

In connection with the second article in the warning—to see whether the town would vote to raise money for its current expenses, etc., etc., N. M. Johnson presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of ninety-five cents on the dollar of the grand list of the current year be raised for the purposes named in article 2d of the warrant, and that the provisions of the revised laws, sections 382 to 388, both inclusive, be and they are hereby accepted.

Resolved, That the treasurer's fees for all taxes collected by him shall be such sum as may be agreed between him and the selectmen, but not to exceed the sum provided in said chapter 26 of the revised laws.

Mr. Johnson spoke briefly in support of his resolutions. One of the sections referred to provides for a ninety days limit within which to discount four per cent on taxes promptly paid. He thought this would prove an excellent plan and bring the town cash in early when it was needed.

Alex. Dunnett was afraid that offering a discount within the 90 days would operate to the advantage of the people of means and to the disadvantage of the poorer classes, and did not favor the resolutions.

W. P. Stafford did not see where this would operate against anybody, and thought the small taxpayer would be as glad as the large one of a chance to save a little by prompt payment. This view of the case was also taken by John McDonald and one other voter whose name we did not learn. The resolutions were adopted by a good majority.

On motion of T. C. Fletcher, \$150 was voted towards the observance of Memorial Day.

The article in relation to tuition of town pupils at the Academy called out considerable discussion, but was finally disposed of in a sensible way.

Alex. Dunnett offered this resolution, (the last sentence of which was an amendment offered by Mr. Stafford and accepted by Mr. Dunnett):

Resolved, That the matter of the education of our more advanced scholars be left with the school board, to make such trade as they choose, or to make such other arrangements for the academic education of its scholars as they deem best. And that it is the sense of this meeting that the time of pupils in the Academy be not cut down.

Mr. Stafford spoke in brief explanation of the situation. The Academy trustees, he said, had decided that the tuition should be raised; whereas it had been \$30 a year for each pupil, it would hereafter be \$36 or \$37. He was proud of the Academy's reputation, and did not think any citizen of the town wanted to be ungenerous in providing educational facilities for the boys and girls. He was willing to stand his share of any reasonable increase in this line of expenditure.

T. C. Fletcher declared himself as unwilling, from his standpoint, to arrange for an increase of expense in connection with the Academy tuition. But he would cheerfully abide by any decision by the majority. As a member of the school board he wanted some indication of the will of the voters on this point.

Rev. Edward T. Fairbanks spoke for the trustees, announcing their willingness to arrange with the board for the continued instruction of town pupils, and showing conclusively that the necessity for an advance in rates was very great. A point had been reached where something must be

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